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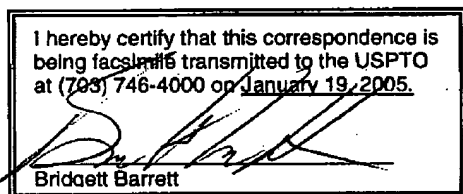
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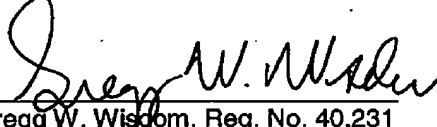
**COMMENTS ON
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on December 2, 2004, and the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance dated November 26, 2004, Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicants believe that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.



Respectfully submitted,

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